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RIVERFEST 2006

Cincinnati celebrates Riverfest 2006 on Sunday September 3 from noon to 11:00 p.m. The boundaries in Cincinnati for the event area are the Ohio River to the south, Central Avenue on the west, Fourth Street and Columbia Parkway on the north, and Kemper Lane extending to the Ohio River on the east. This event brings hundreds of thousands of people to the riverfront, and motorists should allow plenty of travel time and prepare for long delays. The following is information on the event's restrictions, traffic flow and safety tips.

ITEMS/ACTIVITIES PROHIBITED IN ALL RIVERFRONT AREAS:

- **Alcohol: No one may buy, sell, bring or consume alcohol in the event area.**
- Glass or metal containers of any type are prohibited.
- No liquid beverage of any type may be brought into the restricted area. **No coolers** are permitted inside the event area.
- No animals. This **does not** prohibit handicap-assist dogs for persons with disabilities.
- No bicycles, skateboards, roller skates, roller blades or scooters.
- No mechanical or motorized vehicles.
- No open fires for cooking; no grills.
- No generators or any fuel.

ACCOMMODATIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH A DISABILITY

Parking for persons with a disability is available at three locations in Cincinnati. There are 50 spaces at the Hamilton County East Garage, located at Mehring and East Pete Rose Way. There are 50 spaces at the Great American Ball Park and 30 spaces at Bicentennial Commons at Sawyer Point. These spaces will be available until the street closures go into effect. There is a fee for parking in these locations, and a valid handicap placard must be displayed. These spaces will be first come, first served and it is advisable to arrive before 6:00 p.m.

STREET CLOSURES

Listed below are the streets and times of closing:

- **Only emergency vehicles, buses, taxis, residents or employees with proper identification and individuals with official passes from the Special Events Unit will be allowed access to restricted areas. Arriving before 6:00 p.m. is recommended.**
- All Cincinnati streets south of Seventh Street and between Central Avenue and southbound Eggleston at Reedy will close to traffic at 6:00 p.m.
- Mt. Adams will be closed to all unauthorized vehicular traffic beginning at 5:00 p.m.
- Suspension Bridge will be closed at 6:00 p.m.
- L & N Bridge will close to pedestrians at 10:00 a.m.
- The southbound lanes to the Taylor Southgate Bridge will close at 6:00 p.m.
- The Brent Spence Bridge will remain open.
- The Clay Wade Bailey Bridge will close at 6:00 p.m.
- The exit ramp to East Third Street from southbound I-71 will close at 5:00 p.m.
- The exit ramp to East Third Street from Columbia Parkway will close at 6:00 p.m.
- The exit ramp to Second Street from northbound I-75 will close at 5 p.m. and from southbound I-75 will close at 6:00 p.m.
- The exit ramp to Fifth Street from southbound I-75 will be closed at 7:00 p.m. **An alternate route from southbound I-75 is to exit at the Seventh Street exit.**
- The exit ramp to Sixth Street from northbound I-471 will be closed at 6:00 p.m.

- Inbound Columbia Parkway will close at Torrence Avenue at 5:00 p.m.
- Columbia Parkway access from eastbound Fort Washington Way will close at 7:00 p.m.
- The ramp to southbound I-471 from Fort Washington Way will close at 7:00 p.m.
- Southbound I-71 will close at the Taft Road exit at 8:55 p.m.
- Access to Fort Washington Way from I-75 will close at 8:30 p.m.
- The Broadway Tunnel leading to the Public Landing will be inaccessible.
- The Public Landing will close Friday September 1 at 11:00 p.m. and will reopen Monday September 4 at 3:00 p.m. No boats will be permitted to launch from the Public Landing during this closure.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Both Queen City Metro and TANK will operate regular Sunday schedules and routes. In addition, Queen City Metro will provide special Riverfest shuttles from a number of locations. For specific times and locations, call Metro Center at (513) 621-4455. TANK's Information Line at (859) 331-8265. Information is also available on Metro's web site www.sorta.com and TANK's web site www.tankbus.org.

Metro's shuttle service will discharge and pick up passengers at three locations: the Transit Center bus terminal, East Third and Monastery Streets, and East Fifth and Sentinel Streets. TANK will run its normal Sunday schedule into downtown Cincinnati, delivering passengers to Fourth and Main Streets. TANK buses **will not** provide any shuttle service into Ohio for the Riverfest event.

SAFETY AND CRIME PREVENTION

There will be three Lost Children booths located in the Riverfest area. One will be located in Yeatman's Cove and two in Sawyer Point. Cincinnati police officers will be stationed at these booths to assist with lost children. All items used to transport food are subject to inspection by Cincinnati Recreation Commission and Riverfest staff. They **may make exceptions to event prohibitions on items for infant nourishment or medical purposes.**

When events draw large numbers of people, the opportunity for crime increases significantly. Uniformed and non-uniformed police officers will be at Riverfest to assist as needed. Here are some crime prevention reminders:

- Park in a well-lit place and lock vehicles.
- Place all valuables out of sight or in the trunk of the car.
- Don't carry purses unless it's absolutely necessary.
- Do not display large amounts of money or jewelry.
- Bring only items that are necessary for the event.
- Don't leave personal property unattended.

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